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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The present responds to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001.

In the Claims

Claims 1,2,3,5, and 6 as amended are set forth below. A copy of the claims and specification showing insertions and deletions is attached.

(amended) A twisted -pair cable separator spline comprising:

a longitudinally extending spline having a plurality of spaced longitudinally extending open pockets,

a cross-section of said spline having a major axis and a minor axis,

at least one pocket being on the major axis, and

at least one pocket being on the minor axis, and

(b)